

H.R. 994, the Small Business Growth and Administrative Accountability Act; the conference report for H.R. 927, the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act; a bill to Increase temporarily the public debt; an omnibus appropriations or continuing resolution for fiscal year 1996; and it is possible that we may consider a resolution allowing staff depositions in the investigation of the White House Travel Office.

On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, we hope to conclude legislative business between 7 and 8 p.m. And we should have Members on their way back home to their districts by 2 p.m. on Friday, March 8.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would further elaborate. There is an assumption that we would have votes as early as 1 on Tuesday afternoon?

Mr. HASTERT. If the gentleman will further yield, the assumption here is that the votes could come as early as 1 on Tuesday.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Would it not be possible if we had three suspensions to roll any votes on those suspensions and perhaps delay a little longer than 1?

Mr. HASTERT. We will take it under advisement to roll those votes. Still even rolling those votes it may be 2.

Mr. FAZIO of California. It might not prolong the time, but I think Members would appreciate, particularly on a suspension, as much delay as possible before a vote would actually be called.

Mr. HASTERT. I can tell the gentleman from California that we will roll those votes, but we cannot guarantee that they will go much beyond 2.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, let me yield to my friend, the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. VOLKMER].

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, I can tell the gentleman from Illinois I have a little bit of a problem, looking at the schedule, because the last part of it says Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, we hope to conclude legislative business between 7 and 8 p.m. That says Tuesday. What are we going to do after we do the three suspensions because that is all you have got listed for Tuesday?

Mr. HASTERT. We will go to the regulatory reform bill.

Mr. VOLKMER. We are going to do regulatory reform, and where is that on the schedule?

Mr. HASTERT. We will probably do the rule for the regulatory reform and then possibly get into the bill itself.

Mr. VOLKMER. Where is that on this schedule? The Small Business Growth and Administrative Accountability Act?

Mr. HASTERT. The name of the bill is H.R. 994, the Small Business Growth and Administrative Accountability Act.

Mr. VOLKMER. In other words, what is proposed we will first do, I guess it will be 1-minute on Tuesday.

Mr. HASTERT. It will be 1-minute.

Mr. VOLKMER. Then we will do the three suspensions. We will roll those. Then we will do those and then we will do the rule and then get into debate and see how far we can go on regulatory reform?

Mr. HASTERT. The gentleman is correct.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, if I can reclaim my time here just to confirm. There would be no further legislative business on Tuesday other than the regulatory reform bill that the gentleman mentioned, is that correct?

Mr. HASTERT. If the gentleman will yield further, at this time that is our assumption.

Mr. FAZIO of California. We would take up the rule, general debate, and perhaps consider the legislation, is that correct?

Mr. HASTERT. And amendments.

Mr. FAZIO of California. And all amendments thereto?

Mr. HASTERT. That is right.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Does the gentleman know what kind of rule we might anticipate?

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Mr. HASTERT. The Committee on Rules will be meeting this afternoon, and we will have the rule out later this afternoon.

Mr. FAZIO of California. We have no idea, really, how many amendments might be in order, whether an open rule would be required, but it would probably fill up the afternoon?

Mr. HASTERT. We expect it to be an open rule, yes.

Mr. VOLKMER. On the schedule, I appreciate that, because the way I read this, I did not see that in it.

Mr. HASTERT. I understand.

Mr. VOLKMER. Now we know why we are going to be here between 7 and 8. On the bill to increase temporarily the public debt, do you have any idea what date? Will that be a Wednesday or Thursday?

Mr. HASTERT. It could be Wednesday or could be Thursday.

Mr. VOLKMER. Do you know whether or not that would have an open rule, or would that be a closed rule like all of the other ones have been?

Mr. HASTERT. I would say that that bill probably will be a closed rule.

Mr. VOLKMER. The appropriation for continuing resolution, well, first let me ask this: The public debt, let us see, tomorrow is March 1, is it not?

Mr. HASTERT. Tomorrow is March 1.

Mr. VOLKMER. My understanding from earlier discussions with the leadership back before we recessed that we would be doing this by March 1.

Mr. HASTERT. That, plus we passed a piece of legislation that dealt with Social Security that said we could deal with it later than March 1.

Mr. VOLKMER. That is a firm schedule to do it next week?

The continuing resolution, instead of waiting until March 5, you are proposing to do that also next week? Is that correct?

Mr. HASTERT. We are proposing to do a continuing resolution or an omnibus appropriation next week.

Mr. VOLKMER. Right. But that would take care of those that expire on March 15? Is that correct?

Mr. HASTERT. That is our assumption.

Mr. VOLKMER. And would that continuing resolution or appropriation bill, whatever we want to call it, is that going to be for the rest of the fiscal year then? Is that going to be for another 2 or 3 months?

Mr. HASTERT. We are in negotiations with the White House, staff to staff, and intend that that will be on a higher level when those negotiations are finished. I think that result will show in the bill.

Mr. VOLKMER. I have been busy with the farm bill the last 2 days. There may have been announcements on this floor that I have missed. So has there been an announcement by the Committee on Rules on what we call the regulatory reform bill or the Accountability Act that amendments had to be to the Committee on Rules before today so Members knew if they had amendments to this bill, they had to have them in?

Mr. HASTERT. They just filed the rule, sir, and it is an open rule.

Mr. VOLKMER. It is an open rule?

Mr. HASTERT. Yes.

Mr. FAZIO of California. I thank the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. VOLKMER]. I think he has pretty much covered the issues that need to be covered.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NETHERCUTT). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1996

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

PERMISSION TO HAVE UNTIL 5 P.M., FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 1996, TO FILE CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 927, CUBAN LIBERTY AND DEMOCRATIC SOLIDARITY (LIBERTAD) ACT OF 1995

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the managers on the part of the House have